

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION**

Amend Section Subsections (b)(91.1), (b)(176), and (b)(195) of Section 7.50
Title 14, California Code of Regulations
Re: Klamath River Sport Fishing Regulations

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: February 9, 2002
- II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: March 8, 2002
- III. Date of Final Statement of Reasons: April 29, 2002
- IV. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
 - (a) Notice Hearing: Date: February 9, 2002
Location: Sacramento
 - (b) Discussion Hearing: Date: March 8, 2002
Location: San Diego
 - (c) Discussion Hearing: Date: April 5, 2002
Location: Long Beach
 - (d) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 25, 2002
Location: Sacramento
- V. Update: In the Initial Statement of Reasons, the Department advised the Commission that based on information then available, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) quota recommendation for the 2002 river recreational fishery was likely to fall within a range of from 1,200 to 25,000. The PFMC's final quota recommendation--20,500 fish--was presented to the Commission at the April 25 teleconference meeting, and was adopted by the Commission.

Based on stakeholder input received during a public meeting held on March 19, 2002 in Weaverville CA, the Department withdrew its recommendation for hook size modification as reflected in the Initial Statement of Reasons and Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons. The Department no longer recommends a maximum single hook size with a gap no greater than 5/8 inch and a maximum multiple hook size with a gap no greater than 1/2 inch. However, the Department supports maintaining existing hook size restrictions. This was presented to the Commission at the April 5 discussion meeting and adopted by the Commission on April 25.

The Commission also adopted the following changes previously described in the Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons. These changes are described below.

Season Closures in Lieu of Quota Allocations: The Department is no longer recommending seasonal closures in lieu of quota based allocations of adult fall run chinook salmon in the Klamath and Trinity Rivers. When the Initial Statement of Reasons was prepared the Department had not committed to monitoring the harvest in each sub-quota area. Therefore, the Department

recommended season closures to replace the quota allocations for the upper Klamath and Trinity rivers. The Department has since committed to monitor the fishery in each sub-quota area and therefore season based closures will not be necessary.

Modify the closure at the mouth of the Klamath River: Current regulations allow anglers to fish within 100 feet of the mouth of the Klamath River until 15% of the total basin impact quota for adult fall chinook has been harvested below the Highway 101 bridge. This regulation was adopted in 2001 to help regulate the harvest and to equitably distribute the quota among lower Klamath River sport anglers. In 2001, 15% of the quota was reached, prompting the Department to close the area near the mouth of the Klamath River to all fishing. Final season harvest estimates showed sport anglers harvested less than half of their 29,800 fish quota. Therefore, the Department recommended that the restriction at the mouth of the Klamath River not be implemented if the Department projects that sport angler harvest will not meet the total basin impact quota.

The Department has developed a mathematical model designed to project what percentage of the sport quota anglers will take, and not take, before the spawning run ends. In 2001, the Department implemented the model on an experimental basis. The results indicate that the model was accurate to within 300 fish of the Department's final season harvest estimate. The Department is confident that the model can be used as a fishery management tool to ensure angling opportunities are maintained.

Reduction in Daily Bag Limit, Weekly Bag Limit, and Possession Limit:

Based on early season forecasts, the Department recommended reducing the daily, weekly, and possession limits for adult chinook salmon. The PPMC's final quota recommendation of 20,500 fish is higher than previously expected and a reduction of daily, weekly, and possession limits is no longer warranted.

- VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Support of or Opposition to the Proposed Actions and Reasons for Rejecting those considerations:

Wood, Wendel, Oregon Natural Resources Council, McKay, Tim, Northcoast Environmental Center, 11/5/01.

Recommends zero bag limit in the Klamath River above the confluence with the Trinity River from April 1 through June 30.

Department response: This recommendation is implemented by the Department's proposed changes.

Recommends catch and release fishing at the mouth of Blue Creek, Salmon River, Dillon, Clear and Elk Creeks during the adult migration of spring-run chinook salmon.

Department response: The Department's proposed changes will prohibit the take of salmon over 22 inches fork length from April 1 through July 31 from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to the falls at Coon Creek. This will effectively reduce the take of spring run salmon in the mouth of the Salmon River, Dillon, Clear and Elk Creeks, while still allowing anglers to catch and keep other species of fish. Creel

survey conducted in the lower Klamath River indicate very few fish are caught at the mouth of Blue Creek. Consequently, there is no biological necessity to regulate this area to catch and release only.

Recommends more focused study on the impacts of all fishing - sport, Indian and commercial on Klamath River spring chinook.

Department response: Support for more focused study on the impacts of fishing on spring chinook is acknowledged. Neither the Commission nor the Department has the authority to monitor tribal fisheries.

Also, see the Department's summaries and analyses of public comments received at public hearings March 18 in Crescent City and at Weaverville on March 27 (attached).

VII. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

VIII. Location of Department files:

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IX. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

1. Allowable Fishing Seasons above the Coon Creek Falls: The Department is reviewing all available data and meeting with the public to develop seasons which will equitably distribute the quota of adult chinook salmon among all inriver non-tribal user groups throughout the Klamath river basin above Coon Creek Falls. The development of seasons will help control chinook harvest and ensure that the total impact quota for the Klamath River basin is not exceeded. This alternative can not guarantee that anglers will neither fall short of utilizing the quota nor that they will not exceed it.

2. Generally more liberal regulations (bag limits, possession limits and fishing methods) than those proposed: More liberal regulations would be less desirable than those proposed because they could create risk of an intense fishery reaching or exceeding the quota in a very short time. Reaching the quota in a very short time could be damaging to the local economy. Exceeding the allowable harvest could be damaging to the fish populations.

(b) No Change Alternative: The change is necessary to continue appropriate harvest rates and an equitable distribution of the harvestable surplus.

- (c) Consideration of Alternatives: In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation

X. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States: The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The preservation of Klamath River salmon stocks is necessary for the success of lower and upper Klamath river businesses which provide goods and services related to fishing. The proposed changes are necessary for the continued preservation of the resource and therefore the prevention of adverse economic impacts.
- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None.
- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons or Businesses: The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.
- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.
- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None.
- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Updated Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Under current regulations, the allowable chinook salmon harvest in the Klamath River system is based on spawning run size predictions and spawning escapement goals. The harvest and the distribution of the catch are regulated by seasons, daily and weekly bag and possession limits, and area quotas and allocations.

The allowable catch each year is based on recommendations of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), which meets annually to provide these recommendations.

The total river system recreational harvest of fall chinook salmon is currently regulated by a quota. In 2001, the share, or quota for the Klamath River basin allowable sport catch, was 29,800 adult fish (39 percent of the total allowable harvest by non-tribal fisheries, including ocean commercial, ocean recreational and recreational river fisheries).

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General Area Closures within 400 feet of any Seining Operation: Current regulations in subsection (b)(91.1)(B)1. prohibit any fishing within 400 feet of any U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or Department of Fish and Game (Department) seining operation. The Department no longer conducts seining operations and, therefore, is proposing to eliminate this restriction.

Additional Closures to Protect Anadromous Fish

1. Date change for the fishing closures on the Klamath River from Coon Creek Falls to 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam: Current regulations in subsection (b)(91.1) allow anglers to catch and keep any salmon regardless of size from December 1 through July 31. The remainder of the year, August 1 through November 30 chinook salmon take is regulated by a Klamath Basin impact quota. The current regulations do not provide protection for adult spring chinook during their April through July spawning migration. The Department, therefore, is proposing to eliminate the take of adult spring run chinook salmon above Coon Creek Falls to a point 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam from April 1 through July 31. This closure would provide protection for naturally produced spring run chinook salmon in the Klamath River and still provide anglers with the opportunity to harvest the hatchery component of the spring run in the lower Klamath River below the falls at Coon Creek.

2. Date change for the fishing closure for the Shasta River: Current regulations allow anglers to fish from the fourth Saturday in May through Feb. 28 in the Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 to 250 feet above the Department's fish counting weir. This area supports a moderate steelhead fishery from mid November through February. The Department, however, recognizes that additional protection is warranted during that period for adult fall run chinook. The Department, therefore, is proposing that the current closure on the Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 to 250 feet above the Department's fish counting weir be expanded to include the period September 1 through November 15.

3. Date change for the fishing closure from Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity: Current regulations allow anglers to fish all year in the Trinity River main stem downstream from the mouth of the South Fork Trinity. The Trinity River upstream from its confluence with the South Fork Trinity is closed to all fishing from April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May. The closure should be extended to include the Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the confluence with the Klamath River. This addition would close the entire Trinity River downstream from the Old Lewiston Bridge from April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May. This closure would provide an additional 30 miles of protection to juvenile coho salmon and steelhead and to wild adult spring-run chinook salmon migrating up river to spawn.

Consistency with Reference to Coon Creek Falls: The current regulations in subsection (b)(91.1)(C)1.b. read "Klamath River Below Coon Creek Falls: No salmon over 22 inches may be retained after 50% of the basin impact quota has been taken below Coon Creek". For clarification and consistency, the Department is proposing to add the word "falls" in the second reference to the area below Coon Creek.

Restrictions to Fishing when Iron Gate Hatchery and Trinity River Hatchery Meet Spawning Escapement Goals: Current regulations in subsection (b)(91.1)(C)1.c.ii. and subsection (b)(91.1)(C)1.d. allow anglers to harvest adult chinook salmon after quota attainment from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to Coon Creek Falls once the Department determines that the adult fall chinook salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 adult fish. Trinity River anglers can harvest adult chinook after the quota is met between Old Lewiston Bridge and the mouth once escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 adult fish. The Department is

recommending the open areas be restricted from a point beginning 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge on the Klamath River and from Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek on the Trinity River.

Season Closures in Lieu of Quota Allocations: In previous years, the Department established three sub-quota areas above the falls at Coon Creek. The sub-quota areas were established to equitably distribute the catch of adult chinook above Coon Creek Falls. When the Initial Statement of Reasons was prepared the Department had not committed to monitoring the harvest in each sub-quota area. Therefore, the Department recommended season closures in lieu of quota allocations for the upper Klamath and Trinity rivers. The Department has since committed to monitor the fishery in each sub-quota area and therefore season based closures are not necessary.

Reduction in Daily Bag Limit, Weekly Bag Limit, and Possession Limit: Based on early season forecasts, the Department recommended reducing the daily, weekly, and possession limits for adult chinook salmon. New information on the distribution and abundance of pacific salmon was recently presented to the Department. The findings indicate an increase in the number of adult chinook returning to the Klamath River basin than was previously forecast. Since the number of chinook salmon is higher than previously expected, a reduction of daily, weekly, and possession limits is no longer warranted.

Date Change for the Fishing Closure in the South Fork Trinity River Downstream from the Mouth of Grouse Creek: Current regulations in subsection (b)(91.1)(F)7.g. allow anglers to fish the South Fork Trinity River downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek from the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through March 31. The Department is recommending that the season opening date be changed to the fourth Saturday in May to be consistent with the opening date for other sections in the Trinity River Basin.

Minor editorial changes are also being made for clarification to correct cross references in subsections 7.50(b)(176) and (b)(195).

Subsection (b)(91.1) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

(91.1) Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Below Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin). The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream from Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system above Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries above Dwinell Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(5)).

(A) Special Fishing Methods Restrictions:

1. Only barbless hooks may be used.
2. Where bait use is allowed, bait may be used only with single hooks having a gap between the point and shank between 1/2 and 1 inch, or with multiple hooks having a gap between the point and shank between 1/4 and 1/2 inch. Exception: there is no minimum hook size below the Highway 101 bridge.
3. During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult king salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.
4. In the Klamath River, within 100 yards of the channel through the spit formed at the mouth, weights may be used only if hard-tied to a drop line that is between 12 inches and 24 inches long and that is attached to the main fishing line no more than 36 inches above the hook.

(B) General Area Closures:

1. No fishing is allowed ~~within 400 feet of any U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or Department of Fish and Game seining operation and from the Ishi Pishi Falls road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1.~~ Exception: members of the Karuk Indian Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
2. No fishing is allowed from Sept. 15 through Nov. 15 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Lower Klamath River Basin King Salmon Impact Quotas: NOTE: The Lower Klamath River Basin chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest each year is closely coordinated ~~by the affected parties~~ during the period from August 1 through November 30. The term "impact quota" is the recreational catch of adult fall-run king salmon, plus the estimated number of adult fall-run king salmon lost as a result of hook-and-release mortality.

1. Quota for Entire Basin: The ~~2001~~ 2002 Klamath River basin quota is 20,500 ~~29,800~~ ~~adult (over 22 inches)~~ king salmon over 22 inches. Separate quotas have been established for five individual area subdivisions as listed below in subsection (b)(91.1)(C)1.a.-e., with restrictions for each area designed to assure that the quota for the entire basin is not exceeded. The restrictions triggered by quotas apply only during the period from August 1 through November 30. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A Department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated daily, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)

a. Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth): This area is closed to all fishing after 15% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the Department projects that the total Klamath River basin impact quota will be met.) In ~~2001~~2002, this number is ~~4,470~~ 3,075. (Also, see subsection (b)(91.1)(A)4. above.)

b. Klamath River Below Coon Creek Falls: No salmon over 22 inches may be retained after 50% of the basin impact quota has been taken below Coon Creek Falls.

c. Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to falls at Coon Creek: ~~No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after either:~~

~~(i) 17% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River between Iron Gate Dam and the falls at Coon Creek, or~~

~~(ii) 50% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls. This restriction does not apply after the department determines that the adult fall king salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish~~

~~(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through July 31.~~

~~(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls.~~

~~(iii) King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the Department determines that the adult fall king salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish.~~

d. Trinity River from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West Bridge at Cedar Flat: ~~No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls. This restriction does not apply after the adult fall king salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish.~~

~~(i) Closed to fishing April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May.~~

~~(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls.~~

~~(iii) King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the Department determines that the adult fall king salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish.~~

e. Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity: ~~No king salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after either:~~

~~(i) 16.5% of the basin quota has been taken in the Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the trinity, or~~

~~(ii) 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls.~~

~~(i) Closed to all fishing from April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May.~~

~~(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 16.5% of the basin quota has been taken in the Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity, or 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls.~~

(D) ~~Lower~~ Klamath River Basin General Seasons and Bag and Possession limits:

In anadromous waters of the Klamath River basin, except for those with special bag limits provided in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below, the daily trout/salmon bag limit is 3 king salmon, but no more than 2 king salmon over 22 inches, and 1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead**. No more than 6 king salmon over 22 inches may be retained in any 7 consecutive days. No more than 12 king salmon may be possessed, of which no more than 6 may be over 22 inches total length. (Note: ~~that~~ ~~Salmon~~ bag limits change in some areas when quotas are reached (see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above).)

(E) All anadromous waters of the ~~lower~~ Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year, except those listed in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below.

(F) Special Seasons. Daily Bag Limits, and Special Fishing Methods Restrictions for Waters of the Lower Klamath River Basin Which Have Open Fishing Seasons. Waters listed below are closed to all fishing except during the open seasons listed. Bag limits are for trout and salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit (if different from general bag limits in subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above)</i>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to mouth.	All year.	Quota Area. See subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above.
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork, below Sawyer's Bar Bridge and main stem of South Fork below the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.	0
4. Scott River main stem from mouth to Fort Jones-Greenville bridge.	Fourth Saturday in May through Feb. 28.	0
5. Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 to 250 feet above the Department of Fish and Game counting weir. <u>the mouth.</u>	Fourth Saturday in May through <u>Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.</u>	0

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit (if different from general bag limits in subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above)</i>
6. Shasta River main stem from 250 feet above the Department of Fish and Game counting weir to mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.	0
7. <u>6.</u> Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet below Lewiston Dam to Old Lewiston bridge.	Last Saturday in Apr. through Sept. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0
b. Trinity River main stem from Old Lewiston bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31.	Quota Area. Also see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above.
c. Canyon Creek above the falls located about four miles above the wilderness area boundary.	Last Saturday in April <u>Apr.</u> through November <u>Nov.</u> 15.	2
d. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny).	Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Dec. 1 through Mar. 31.	<u>See subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above.</u>
e. Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) to the <u>confluence with the Klamath River.</u> mouth of the South Fork Trinity.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31.	Quota Area. Also see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above.
f. The Trinity River main stem downstream from the mouth of the South Fork of the Trinity.	All year.	Quota Area. Also see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above.
g-f. Trinity River South Fork downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek.	Saturday preceding Memorial Day <u>Fourth Saturday in May</u> through Mar. 31.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** 0 king salmon
h-g. Trinity River South Fork from the mouth of Grouse Creek to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** 0 king salmon

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit (if different from general bag limits in subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above)</i>
i.h. Hayfork Creek main stem, from Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork downstream to the mouth.	Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	0

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**(176) Shasta River (Siskyou Co.). See Klamath River
Regulations subsection
(b)(91.1)(F)5. & 6.**

Subsection (b)(195) of Section 7.50, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**(195) Trinity River. See Klamath River
Regulations subsection
(b)(91.1)(F)7 & 6 .**

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 240 and, 315; and 316.5, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 206 and, 215; and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.